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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL LAWYERS MEETING

1. (U) MESSRS COPAKEN, WEISGALL, BECK AND STOVALL MET WITH  
AMB ROSENBLATT AND OMSN STAFF 14 OCT FOR MULTILATERAL LAW-  
YERS MEETING PREPARATORY TO MOLOKAI ROUND.

2. (U) IN SUM, BECK AND STOVALL AGREED AND COPAKEN  
ACQUIESCED TO US CHARACTERIZATION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AS  
PROCEEDING FROM THE MOST GENERAL SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, E.G.,  
THE RESOLUTION OF WHETHER THERE WILL BE AN ALL-MICRONESIAN  
INSTITUTION, AND APPORTIONMENT OF TOPICS BETWEEN MULTILATE-  
RALS AND BILATERALS, TO THE MORE SPECIFIC AT SUBSEQUENT  
ROUNDS.

3. (C) COPAKEN AND WEISGALL EXPANDED ON THEIR VISION OF  
WHAT THEIR CLIENT WANTS. THEY ENVISION AN ULTIMATELY INDE-  
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PENDENT MARSHALLS. THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE BEGINS WITH AN  
ACTUALLY (IF IT CAN BE GOTTEN AWAY WITH) OR NEARLY  
AUTOMOUS MARSHALLS DURING THE POST-TRUSTEESHIP PERIOD--A  
MARSHALLS SUPPORTED BY CONSIDERA0LE ASSISTANCE FROM USG AND  
BY JAPANESE COMMERCIAL INVESTMENTS. HE IS ANXIOUS TO FASHION  
A POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH THE MARSHALLS CAN EASILY

AND UNILATERALLY SEVER. WHILE WE SENSE RESISTANCE TO A 15-YR TRANSITION PERIOD COULD BE OVERCOME, COPAKEN APPARENTLY SEES INDEPENDENCE IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING TO WHAT EXTENT KABUA AND THE MIPSC LEADERSHIP SHARE THIS VISION AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT REFLECTS PUBLIC OPINION.

4. (U) FYI AMB INTENDS TO MEET WITH US DELEGATION IN MOLOKAI SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 23 OCT. COMMENCING 17 OCT COPAKEN AND ALL OR PART OF MIPSC WILL STAY AT ILIKAI HOTEL IN HONO PRIOR TO MOLOKAI. COPAKEN HAS INDICATED HE WILL URGE MIPSC ATTENDANCE AT ALL MICRONESIAN MEETING, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT YET CLEAR THAT THEY WILL. STOVALL AND CFPST WILL BE AT PAGODA HOTEL IN HONO PRIOR TO MOLOKAI. PPSC WILL GO DIRECT TO MOLOKAI ON 17 OCT. PRE-MOLOKAI LIAISON WITH MICRONESIAN DELEGATIONS WILL BE THROUGH TTPI LIAISON OFFICE HONO. END FYI.

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